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Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



July 2005

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					Killed	Injured	Property		

MINNESOTA, Central and South Central

Swift County

Benson Arpt	03	0236CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (MG53)
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A wind gust of 61 MPH was recorded at the Benson airport.

Stearns County

Paynesville	07	1914CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
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Hennepin

	09	1200CST			0	0			Excessive Heat
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High temperatures at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport remained at or above 90 degrees for 9 consecutive days between July 9th and 17th. This extended period of hot weather set a record for the 3rd longest streak of at or above 90 degree highs since 1891 in the Twin Cities.

On July 12th, a laborer putting up a fence in Arden Hills in Ramsey County suffered severe heatstroke. He collapsed at the work site and was rushed to a local hospital. His body temperature reached 108.8 degrees, but miraculously he survived after receiving intensive medical attention. He awoke from a medically-induced sedation 24 hours after falling ill and made a full recovery.

Dakota County

Farmington	17	1945CST			0	0	75K		Lightning
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The roof of a home on Eureka Avenue was struck by lightning. The resulting fire caused \$75,000 damage to the structure.

Goodhue County

Countywide	17	2030CST 2100CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
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Scattered tree branches were downed across the county. The time was estimated.

Stevens County

7 W Donnelly	23	0710CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
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Four to 5 inch limbs were downed.

Stevens County

Morris Arpt	23	0719CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (MG57)
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A wind gust of 66 MPH was recorded at the Morris airport.

Stevens County

Donnelly	23	0720CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG55)
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Trees were downed across town. A machine shed was destroyed, but the shed door was open at the time which helped make the damage more severe.

Stevens County

6 NE Donnelly to 9 NE Morris	23	0725CST 0735CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (MG74)
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Downburst winds measured as high as 85 MPH (2 miles northwest of Swan Lake at 8:33 AM EDT) caused considerable damage in a 2 mile wide swath stretching from Highway 59 to the Pope County line in northeast Stevens County. The high wind damage path that started at Highway 59 was found between the following locations: 1 mile south of the Grant/Stevens county line and the County Road 20 intersection. The path continued in an east-southeast direction toward the Pope County border and crossed the county line between the following locations: 1 mile north of County Road 20 and 150th Street. A survey of the path revealed the following damage: 5 power poles were downed on the east side of Highway 59 along with significant tree damage nearby; significant tree and corn damage along County Road 20 from Highway 59 to the Pope County line. See the Pope County entry for damage reports east of the county line.



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MINNESOTA, Central and South Central

Douglas County

Alexandria

23 0730CST

0 0

Lightning

Four homes were struck by lightning. A home on South Union Lake Road suffered a 16 inch hole where a bolt struck the house. A home on County Road 44 reported items being knocked off walls and a hole in the wall from a lightning strike. A lightning strike fried wires at a home on Kyle Drive. A home that was struck on North McKay Avenue suffered no damage.

Pope County

7 NNW Cyrus to 3 N Starbuck

23 0735CST
0750CST

0 0

Thunderstorm Wind (MG77)



A metal grain bin was caved in on its west side by high winds along Highway 114 about 3 miles south of Lowry in Pope County. (Photo courtesy of Karen Trammel, National Weather Service)

A 2 mile wide swath of downburst wind damage continued from Stevens County into northwest Pope County. The damage path crossed the county line between the following locations: 1 mile north of County Road 32 and 150th Street. The path continued in an east-southeast direction and was last noted stretching from Lowry to 1 mile north of Starbuck. A survey of the path revealed the following damage: significant tree and corn damage along County Road 26; damage to the roof of a home along County Road 26 about 3 miles east of the county line from a fallen 2 foot diameter tree branch; a flattened 100-year-old barn (3 cattle killed inside), a damaged farm house, and demolished cement silo 2 miles south of Farwell; a lost machine shed and partial destruction of a dairy barn about 2.5 miles south of Farwell; significant tree damage in Lowry (in the vicinity of where a wind gust of 89 MPH was measured by a home weather station) including the roof of a home that was damaged by a felled tree; destruction of a large garage on the southeast side of Lowry along County Road 28; a caved-in metal grain bin and a heavily damaged barn on Highway 114 three miles south of Lowry; significant damage to a homestead near the intersection of Highway 114 and 190th Street about 1 mile north of Starbuck; numerous downed trees 3 miles north of Starbuck including one which damaged a car. Minor tree damage was noted east of Highway 114 as well, but the high winds that caused the damage dissipated shortly after passing this location. One observer 3 miles north of Starbuck noted that the high winds continued off and on for nearly 30 minutes, coming in 6 distinct "waves".



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<u>MINNESOTA, Central and South Central</u>									
Douglas County									
1 S Kensington	23	0740CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG55)
			Numerous trees were downed.						
Pope County									
Cyrus	23	0745CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG55)
			Numerous trees were downed.						
Douglas County									
9 SW Alexandria	23	0750CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			A tree was downed on the south end of Lake Mary.						
Pope County									
Starbuck	23	0750CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			A tree was downed.						
Pope County									
1 SW Glenwood to Glenwood	23	0757CST 0802CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			Trees were downed at Lake Pelican and along the eastern shore of Lake Minnewaska. One tree was downed onto a pickup truck. Trees was also downed in the city of Glenwood and at Minnewaska Golf Club.						
Pope County									
Sedan	23	0815CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			Trees were downed.						
Stearns County									
Countywide	23	0830CST 0930CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
			Minor street flooding was reported in Sauk Centre, Waite Park, and St. Cloud.						
Stearns County									
Countywide	23	0844CST 0900CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			Trees and power lines were downed in St. Cloud, Waite Park, Sartell, and St. Augusta. In St. Cloud a felled 175-foot-tall tree along 33rd Avenue North smashed a tool shed, damaged a car, and landed on the roof of a garage.						
Kandiyohi County									
3 S New London	23	0850CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			A tree was downed onto North Shore Drive.						
Wright County									
3 W Annandale	23	0850CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			A tree was downed across the intersection of County Road 36 and 80th Street.						
Wright County									
2 S Clearwater	23	0850CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			A tree was downed across Highway 24.						
Benton County									
Countywide	23	0900CST 0920CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG55)
			Widespread tree and power line damage was reported across the county, including in the communities of Rice and Foley. Branches were downed one mile north of the St. Cloud airport.						
Sherburne County									
Countywide	23	0900CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
			Localized flooding was reported in Elk River and Zimmerman.						
Wright County									
South Haven	23	0909CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (MG52)
			A 60 MPH wind gust was measured by an anemometer.						



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Wright County									
Buffalo	23	0910CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			A tree was downed at the law enforcement center.						
Sherburne County									
1 N Zimmerman	23	0920CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			A tree was downed across Highway 169.						
Sherburne County									
Elk River	23	0922CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			A tree was downed at the intersection of 147th Street and Highway 10.						
Anoka County									
Countywide	23	0925CST 0945CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			Several trees and a handful of power lines were downed across the county, including those that fell in the following communities: Coon Rapids, Andover, Anoka, Blaine, Fridley, Lino Lakes, and Columbia Heights. Downed trees damaged vehicles. In addition, highway signs were bent over in Coon Rapids, a HAM Radio tower was downed in Centerville, and a pontoon boat was blown off a moving trailer. A spotter in Coon Rapids recorded a wind gust of 46 MPH.						
Hennepin County									
Brooklyn Park	23	0930CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			Three trees up to 15 inches in diameter were downed in Schilling Park near the intersection of Regent Avenue and Brooklyn Boulevard. The time was estimated.						
Hennepin County									
St Louis Park	23	0930CST			0	0			Lightning
			Lightning struck a service line on Powell Road and started a fire which shot 20 feet into the air. A gas meter on a nearby building also caught fire.						
Mille Lacs County									
Princeton	23	0930CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			Power lines were downed.						
Anoka County									
Anoka	23	0932CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Isanti County									
Cambridge	23	0935CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			A trailer was blown into the street.						
Hennepin County									
Crystal	23	0937CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			A tree was downed at the intersection of 36th Avenue and Douglas Drive.						
Hennepin County									
Deephaven	23	0945CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
			Tree branches up to 5 inches in diameter were downed near the intersection of Minnetonka Boulevard and Highway 101. The time was estimated.						
Ramsey County									
Countywide	23	0945CST 1045CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
			Localized flooding was reported in the English and Frost areas of Maplewood. In Ramsey, water covered County Road C2 at the bottom of a hill.						
Ramsey County									
Little Canada	23	0947CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			Trees were downed.						
Ramsey County									
North St Paul	23	0950CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
			Exterior lights were blown off a home. Tree branches up to 5 inches in diameter were downed. A wind gust of 57 MPH was						



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									recorded on an anemometer in town.
Ramsey County									
Vadnais Hgts	23	0950CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
									Shingles were torn off the roof of an apartment building.
Chisago County									
1 W Stacy	23	0955CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
									Power lines were downed.
Ramsey County									
Roseville	23	0955CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
									A tree was downed onto a car.
Anoka County									
Countywide	23	1000CST			0	0			Flash Flood
		1100CST							Road flooding was reported at the intersection of 7th and Highway 10 in Anoka. Mud washed onto the road at the intersection of Highway 47 and Stinson near Anoka. Sixteen inches of water covered the intersection of Highway 10 and Jefferson Lane in Blaine.
Chisago County									
Lindstrom	23	1000CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
									Power lines were downed.
Ramsey County									
Maplewood	23	1000CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
									Trees were downed.
Ramsey County									
St Paul	23	1000CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
									Trees and power lines were downed along Orange Avenue near White Bear Avenue. A fence and swing set were damaged by the felled trees. At least one tree was also downed onto a vehicle. A fire was also sparked by downed wires.
Ramsey County									
White Bear Lake	23	1000CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG55)
									Several large trees over 1 foot in diameter were downed.
Washington County									
Forest Lake	23	1000CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
									Several trees were downed on the south and east side of Third Lake. The hardest hit area was near the intersection of North Shore Trail (County Road 2) and Jeffrey Avenue. A number of downed trees damaged homes and blocked roads. Blown in windows were also reported. In addition, downed trees were reported at Castlewood Golf Course. A large tree branch was also downed onto County Road 47 near Highway 61. At the Forest Lake Airport several doors were torn from a hangar and one third of the roof of another hangar was blown off. Six planes housed in these hangars were damaged.
Washington County									
Hugo	23	1000CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
									A small tree was downed onto Highway 61.
Washington County									
Marine On St Croix	23	1005CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
									Numerous trees were downed. At least one quarter mile of power lines were also downed.
Washington County									
Stillwater	23	1010CST			0	0	250K		Lightning
									A home on Penfield Avenue North in Stillwater Township was struck by lightning and caught fire. The blaze caused \$250,000 damage to the structure. Another home on Ozark Avenue North in May Township was damaged by a lightning strike. The time was estimated.



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Washington County									
Stillwater	23	1010CST			0	1			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
Many trees, a light pole, and 6 power lines were downed. A woman riding her bike at Lowell Park along the St. Croix River just south of the historic Stillwater Lift Bridge sustained a serious arm injury when a tree crashed down and pinned her to the ground. Several outdoor event tents nearby were blown into the St. Croix River									
Washington County									
Cottage Grove	23	1015CST			0	0			Lightning
Lightning struck a home near the intersection of Highway 61 and Jamaica Avenue. The resulting fire caused minor damage to the structure.									
Washington County									
Cottage Grove	23	1015CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
Limbs up to 4 inches in diameter fell onto power lines.									
Mcleod County									
Hutchinson	25	1330CST 1500CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
A total of 4.35 inches of rain was recorded. Minor street flooding occurred.									
Stearns County									
3 E Rockville	25	1410CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
Trees were downed at Grand Lake.									
Stearns County									
St Augusta	25	1415CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
Trees were downed. The time was estimated.									
Sherburne County									
Clear Lake	25	1445CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
A trained spotter reported a wind gust of 60 MPH.									
Sherburne County									
3 SE Clear Lake	25	1450CST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
A citizen reported a funnel cloud between Clear Lake and Becker. The time was estimated.									
Wright County									
Silver Creek	25	1459CST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
Law enforcement spotted a funnel cloud.									
Anoka County									
Anoka	25	1515CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
A cottonwood tree was felled onto a ride at the fairgrounds. The time was estimated.									
Hennepin County									
Countywide	25	1530CST 1730CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
Minor street flooding was reported in St. Louis Park and Deephaven.									
Watsonwan County									
St James	25	1545CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
A tree was downed.									
Blue Earth County									
Mapleton	25	1630CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
Trees were downed in a 6 block area of town.									
Freeborn County									
Countywide	25	1800CST 1900CST			0	0			Flash Flood
Law enforcement reported several cars stalled in flood waters.									



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<u>WISCONSIN, West</u>									
St. Croix County									
5 WNW River Falls	08	1755CST			0	0			Hail(1.50)
Ping pong ball sized hail damaged vegetation.									
Pierce County									
River Falls	08	1830CST 2030CST			0	0			Flash Flood
An isolated slow-moving thunderstorm formed over the River Falls area shortly after 6 PM and moved very little for 2 hours. It produced torrential rainfall which caused flooding in River Falls and in nearby rural areas. The intersection of County Road F and County Road M about 5 miles west of River Falls was flooded. Driveway flooding was reported along or adjacent to Highway 35 north northwest of River Falls. In River Falls high water covered the following intersections: Main and Pine, Roosevelt and Winter, and Maple and Wesley. A total of 4.25 inches of rain was recorded in only 75 minutes just north of the Pierce/St. Croix county line northwest of River Falls. A total of 3.24 inches was recorded on the east side of River Falls. A community parade in progress in downtown River Falls was washed out by the untimely downpour.									
St. Croix County									
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Pierce County									
River Falls	08	1859CST			0	0			Hail(0.88)
Pea to nickel sized hail was reported.									
Pierce County									
River Falls	08	1859CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
A large oak tree was downed onto a car. Tree branches were downed between Maple and Division streets near Winter Street. A downed power line blocked Maple Street for about an hour.									
Pierce County									
5 W River Falls	08	1930CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
Four inch tree limbs were downed near the intersection of County Road F and County Road M.									
Dunn County									
2 SE Menomonie	17	1100CST			0	0	30K		Lightning
The chimney of a vacant home on county highway Y was struck by lightning. The resulting fire caused \$30,000 damage to the structure.									
Chippewa County									
5 SE Chippewa Falls	17	2120CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
A few trees were downed in Lafayette township. The time was estimated.									
Eau Claire County									
Eau Claire	17	2208CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
Winds estimated by law enforcement at 60 MPH downed trees.									



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WISCONSIN, West

Polk County

Countywide	23	1000CST 1020CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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Power lines were downed onto Main Street in St. Croix Falls. Trees and power lines were downed onto 51st Avenue, County Road M one mile south of County Road K, just north of 5th Avenue on 170th Street, and on Highway 65 near 40th Avenue in Alden Township. In Lincoln Township a tree was downed onto a power line on 60th Avenue. In Balsam Lake Township a tree was downed onto 165th Avenue one mile west of 130th Street and on 120th Avenue just west of 150th Street.

St. Croix County

Somerset	23	1015CST			0	3			Lightning
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Three men were injured by lightning when the bolt struck a car they were about to get into at a campground. One man, age 25, was touching the handle of the car when the bolt struck and was critically injured. When rescuers arrived a few minutes later he did not have a pulse. They were able to revive the victim with an AED. Another man, age 25, was standing right next to the person who was critically injured and was knocked unconscious and suffered burns on his arms. He was transported to the hospital in stable condition. A third man in his 20s standing a few feet away was struck in the foot by the bolt but refused medical treatment.

Pierce County

River Falls	23	1020CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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Trees and branches were downed across town, including one which fell across the intersection of Fourth Street and Pine Street.

Pierce County

Spring Valley	23	1023CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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A large tree was downed.

Polk County

St Croix Falls	23	1030CST 1130CST			0	0			Flash Flood
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A washout was occurred at the intersection of Kentucky Street and Adams Street just east of Highway 87.

St. Croix County

Glenwood City	23	1045CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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Two trees were downed.

St. Croix County

Roberts	23	1045CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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Power lines were downed.

Dunn County

Menomonie	23	1046CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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Trees and power lines were downed.

Dunn County

4 N Menomonie	23	1050CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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Several trees, including one Oak up to 16 inches in diameter, were downed.

Barron County

2 W Dallas	23	1055CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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Trees were downed onto 3 1/2 Avenue east of Highway 25.

Pepin County

Durand	23	1055CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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Trees and power lines were downed including a 100 year old Maple on Prospect Street.

Barron County

Dallas	23	1056CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG55)
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Downed trees blocked roads. The roof of a home, the roof of a barn, and the roof of a silo were blown off in rural Dallas.



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WISCONSIN, West

Numerous power lines were downed.

Dunn County

Meridean

23	1100CST				0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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Power lines were downed.

Chippewa County

Countywide

23	1110CST 1130CST				0	0	125K		Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
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Extensive tree and power line damage was reported countywide. At Chippewa Valley Regional Airport a large hangar door was ripped off and planes suffered minor damage. A car window was broken and the side of a hangar was dented by flying debris and/or hail. In Halle 10 orchard trees were damaged. In Cornell the center of three silos was blown down onto a 100 foot barn. A nearby milk house and calf barn were also demolished by the high wind. In Eagleton a corn field was flattened and an Oak tree was uprooted.

Eau Claire County

Countywide

23	1110CST 1130CST				0	0	592K		Thunderstorm Wind (EG55)
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Half of a chimney was blown off a house and several trees and power lines were downed in Eau Claire. Trees that were uprooted on Jefferson Street, Farwell Street, Mars Avenue, State Street, West Lexington Street, Skeels Avenue, Agres Street, Powell Drive, Taft Avenue, and Keys Street were between 1 and 2 feet in diameter. Two downed trees damaged cars. One home at the intersection of Powell Drive and Hawkins Avenue had a large branch puncture the roof in several locations. The branch also damaged the living room ceiling. Four miles northeast of Eau Claire on County Road Q trees in excess of 10 inches in diameter were damaged, power lines and street signs were damaged, and a pole shed suffered structural damage. Scattered trees and power lines were also downed elsewhere across the county, including in Augusta. Some downed trees damaged houses and vehicles. In Washington an ice fishing shack was blown into the back of a Sheriff's Department squad car, shattering the car's rear window and denting the truck lid. In rural Fall Creek a Quonset-style barn was thrown into the air and smashed into a silo. On the same property a barn was demolished, two sides of a pole barn were downed, and the roof of a farmhouse was damaged. Total property damage at the rural Fall Creek site was estimated at \$22,000.

Eau Claire County

Eau Claire

23	1110CST 1115CST				0	0			Hail(1.25)
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Half dollar sized hail fell on London Road. Quarter sized hail was reported elsewhere in town.

Rusk County

Ladysmith

28	1510CST				0	0			Hail(0.75)
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